

Transition Year
National Conference 2008

Booking Form

Name: _____

Principal TY Coordinator TY Teacher

School Name and Address:

Phone Day: _____

Mobile: _____

Please indicate your preference of workshop
in order 1, 2 and 3. Participants will attend
2 workshops

- Young Social Innovators
- Intel Ireland
- Irish Heart Foundation
- Combat Poverty Ireland
- Special Olympics Ireland
- Simon

Parallel Workshops

Young Social Innovators



This workshop focuses on how to engage young people in active and participative citizenship through social justice education and action using the Young Social Innovators (YSI) framework; it features young people who are making a difference in this way, involves active learning methodologies and provides information on the (YSI) programme.

Intel Ireland



Log On, Learn - enables TY students to buddy up with older people from the local community, to teach them PC and technology skills.

Irish Heart Foundation



Teaching CPR in the Classroom

Representatives of the Irish Heart Foundation will demonstrate how to use the CPR Anytime Kit to teach students the life saving skills of resuscitation. Attendees will receive their own kit to take home to practice teaching their family and friends CPR.

Combat Poverty Ireland

Ireland - A Level Playing Pitch?:

Class and Community Based Learning



This workshop will briefly overview a unit entitled *Ireland - A Level Playing Pitch?* (commissioned by the Combat Poverty Agency and developed by two experienced teachers,) which aims to develop students understanding of poverty in Ireland through class work as well as community engagement. The workshop will also model the participative methodology embedded in the unit, giving tasters of specific class sessions. Copies of the resource will be distributed to participants.

Special Olympics Ireland



The Special Olympics Ireland Schools' Programme, SO Get into It! for transition year students

This programme helps students and teachers understand and respect the needs of all students - especially the needs of those with an intellectual disability. The programme materials will be showcased and demonstrated for teachers and we will describe the ways students can become active citizens and volunteer with Special Olympics Ireland. *Presentation by:* Goretta Newell & Barbara Hawkins of Special Olympics Ireland.

Simon

Simon Believes that tackling homelessness is everyone's responsibility, by supporting and volunteering in homelessness initiatives in your community an end to homelessness can become a reality. Join us to see how we can get your school involved in our campaign!



Transition Year National Conference

Developing responsible and participative members of society

Saturday 11th October 2008

Osprey Hotel Naas, Co. Kildare

Official Opening by:

Sean Haughey, TD,
Minister of State at the Department of
Education and Science

Keynote Speakers

Sr. Stanislaus Kennedy,
Focus Ireland

Dr. Gerry Jeffers,
NUI Maynooth



Programme



- 09.15 **Registration, Tea & Coffee**
- 09.45 **Official Opening**
- 10.00 **Keynote Speaker**
SR. STANISLAUS KENNEDY,
YSI and Focus Ireland
- 11.00 **Tea & Coffee**
- 11.30 **Parallel Workshops 1**
- 12.30 **Lunch**
- 13.30 **Parallel Workshops 2**
- 14.30 **Keynote Speaker**
GERRY JEFFERS,
NUI Maynooth
- 15.45 **Conference Close**

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Sr. Stanislaus Kennedy

Sister Stanislaus Kennedy is a Religious Sister of Charity and one of Ireland's best-known social innovators. Originally from Co. Kerry, She helped establish Kilkenny Social Services in the 1960's. In the 1970's, she was a founder member of the National Federation of Youth Clubs and CARE, co-founded the School of Education in Kilkenny. In the 1980's she founded and is Life President of Focus Ireland. In the 1990's Sr. Stan founded and is a Director on the Board of the Sanctuary. In 2001, she founded Social Innovations Ireland from which the Immigrant Council of Ireland and Young Social Innovators emerged. She is on the Board of the Community Foundation for Ireland. She is also a writer and some of her books include; *Now is the time: A Bundle of Blessings: Gardening the Soul; and Seasons of the Day* and most recently *Stillness through my prayers* and an expanded edition of *Now is the time*.

Sr Stanislaus has received numerous awards and tributes for her outstanding work for the marginalized in society and some of those are as follows:

- 1981 'Kerry Person of the Year'
- 1982 Honorary Doctorate in Law from Trinity College Dublin
- 1993 University of New York Special Honour for commitment to the disadvantaged in Ireland
- 1996 The Lord Mayor of Dublin's Award.
- 2003 Honorary Doctorate in Law from the National University of Ireland.
- 2004 Meteor Awards prestigious 'Humanitarian of the Year'
- 2005 Honorary Degree of Doctor of the Open University.



Dr. Gerry Jeffers

Dr. Gerry Jeffers is a lecturer in the Education Department, NUI Maynooth. He was National Co-Ordinator of the Transition Year Curriculum Support Service from 1998 to 2000. Gerry has worked as a teacher, guidance counsellor and deputy principal.

His published work includes varied learning resources as well as a range of academic articles. Last year he completed a research report *Attitudes to Transition Year* for the Department of Education and Science. Gerry completed his doctoral thesis *Innovation and Resistance in Irish Schooling: The Case of Transition Year* earlier this year.



"Developing responsible and participative members of society"

The second Transition Year National Conference is revisiting the rationale of Transition Year in promoting the development of responsible and participative members of society. As recommended by the programme guidelines the personal and social development of students is central to the overall learning experience provided by Transition Year.

With this in mind this year's conference will provide a forum where teachers can explore the possibilities of involving participation, volunteering and community outreach in their schools programme.

A series of workshops and displays will provide useful information and contact details that may be of benefit in the ongoing development of Transition Year in your school.

I look forward to meeting you there,

Michael O'Leary,
National Co-ordinator Transition Year Programme
Second Level Support Service

Please return application form overleaf together with conference fee €40 to:

Mary Sorohan
TY Conference Administrator
Blackrock Education Centre
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